

State Board of Missions, than by the Mission Boards of other denominations. The greatest gain among the Baptist churches was made by Forest Avenue, which was organized, as a mission church in 1906 with fewer than fifty members. This church, with a membership of 251 in 1910, went to 326 in 1914, a net gain of 30 per cent in four years.

These conditions have been presented, and these facts given, to show that the problem in our towns is one of vital importance, and its solution, judging from the figures given, depends largely upon the wise and aggressive prosecution of State Mission work. It may be said that the situation in Greensboro is not very encouraging, as it has been one of our most promising fields, and despite this fact the growth of the churches is not keeping pace with the increase of population. That is true, but how much worse conditions would have been, if we had not done the work that has been done in Greensboro within the last ten years.

We have, then, a double problem: The depletion of the country church by removals to the towns, has created a problem in the country church which calls for the assistance of the State Board of Missions; and the influx to the towns from the country communities opens up a new problem in the towns which, as we have seen, must be met by the State Board.

Suggested Questions

1. What reasons have we to believe that we shall have more and larger towns, in the near future?